

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of William C. Bushong, et al.

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For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REGULATING CHARGING OF
ELECTROCHEMICAL CELLS

Examiner Jonathan Crepeau

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This letter is in response to the Office action dated September 18, 2006 in which an election was required between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-38, drawn to a rechargeable electrochemical cell (class 429, subclass 57);

Group II: Claims 39-48, drawn to a battery pack (class 429, subclass 156);

Group III: Claims 49-52, drawn to a method of charging a battery pack (class 320, subclass 116); and,

Group IV: Claims 53-63, drawn to a method of charging an electrochemical cell (class 320, subclass 137).

The claims of Group I (claims 1-38) are hereby elected for examination in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Additionally, as the claims of Group III (claims 49-52) were not elected, the

election of species requirement, requiring election between: (i) series connection (claims 49-51); and (2) parallel connection (claim 52), should be withdrawn as moot.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any government fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

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